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APPROPRIATION PROSPECTS.

While there is no likelihood that Hawaii will have good representation in Congress for some years to come, the interest shown by the Departments in Territorial needs points towards large appropriations. This interest has already shown itself in the text of a circular received by the Acting Governor, in which Secretary Hitchcock asks for statements as to what Federal appropriations are regarded as necessary during the next fiscal year. We may add, on the authority of a gentleman just back from the East, that Secretary Shaw also showed a lively interest in Hawaii's needs and complained that various suggestions he had caused to be made to the people of Hawaii through Delegate Kubio had either been neglected here or the local public had not heard of them—the latter being actually the case. However the Secretary still stood ready to do his share to recompense this Territory for its loss of customs and postal revenues.

With two such friends at court, an unimportant Delegate more or less need not count. By the help of the Departments several good things we need from Congress may be obtained.

It is noticeable that the Department of the Interior specifies NECESSARY appropriations. Of these harbor improvements here and at Hilo and a complete lighthouse system speak for themselves. They are palpably necessary to commerce. Forts need not be pressed for as the War Department is looking after them with the promise of a large outlay. We may safely assume, furthermore, that the defence of Pearl Harbor did not become a practical question until the Navy Department had decided to locate a dockyard there; hence Hawaii need waste no time in urging the expenditure of money on the locks. We shall get it anyhow. What remains are a new postoffice and custom house, the necessity for which, if a debatable question, may be discussed with the Treasury and Postoffice Departments in the full assurance that the wants and wishes of this Territory will have a friendly hearing there.

THE RESERVOIR QUESTION.

A correspondent who opposes the building of the Nuuanu reservoir asks whether it is possible that the Government intends to impound rain water there? He assumes that the reservoir, if supplied with such water, will become a breeder of sickness in the dry season.

We do not see that the new reservoir would have any different supply than the old ones upon which Honolulu now chiefly depends. Impounded valley water comes from the surrounding watershed and is all rain primarily, though a part of it sinks into the ground in one place and comes out in the form of a spring elsewhere, the supply depending, like that of the streams, upon the extent of the rainfall. Unmixed rain is to be preferred at any time on the score of purity to spring or brook water. It is the distillation of the clouds without a taint of earth salts; and the more of it all the Nuuanu reservoirs get the better. If everybody drank rain water by preference to any other kind they would live longer.

The complaint against another Nuuanu reservoir is not, however, disinterested. It reveals the presence of the old Pauoa job again. Says the writer speaking of the Booth tract exudation: "If it is possible for the Government to obtain this water at the figure passed by the last Legislature, we will have a supply several hundred feet high, pure, and will run over the tops of all high buildings and meet the requirements of the increasing population for a long time to come."

How natural all that sounds. And is the price of this intermittent Pauoa supply, much of which has already been sold to taro planters, still \$250,000 to the public and \$10,000 to the assessor?

Some inquiry has been made as to how Japan could have got regular news about the Vladivostok squadron far off Yokohama. It was not to have been had, of course, from shore observers, at 60 miles. The chances are that the Japanese employ swift scouting boats on the watch as they did in the Sea of Japan when the Hitachi and other transports were sunk. According to the Russian naval report that whole proceeding was watched by a small Japanese cruiser.

The detention of the Siberia at Kobe cannot be accounted for on any other ground than that she has contraband merchandise billed from Hongkong to Yokohama, the latter port being her next stop from Kobe. If that is the case she will probably land her Yokohama stuff at Kobe for trans-shipment either by rail or by some local vessel which will sail when the sea-route becomes safe.

VON PLEHWE AND THE JEWS.

The world will not confer its sympathy upon Minister Von Plehwe, the Russian statesman who was killed yesterday by a bomb, any more than it did upon Governor Bobrikoff whom a Finn recently felled with a pistol bullet. It was Plehwe who became responsible for the massacre at Kishineff by refusing as Minister of the Interior to let the Governor General stop the killing. Three times he was appealed to but not until the mischief was done did he give a reluctant consent to the use of troops against the anti-Semites.

The policy to which Von Plehwe was committed he described last year as follows to a correspondent of the New York Jewish Journal:

The Russian Government is ever ready to support any effort that will eventually terminate the career of the Jewish race in this country. We want them out of here. It gave its official sanction to the Zionists in Odessa twenty-three years ago with the hope that through their efforts many Jews would emigrate to Palestine. It also encouraged the late Baron de Hirsch in his efforts to colonize Jews in Argentina, and of late it has looked with favor upon the present political Zionism and permitted its progress because it hoped that Zionism would help to solve the Jewish problem, which is causing the Government so much worry, by creating a center of attraction in Palestine whereto the Jews should emigrate.

But we can no longer countenance this movement, for we find that instead of centering all their efforts upon the colonization of Jews in Palestine, the Zionists have created a world-wide purpose to strengthen their position in the land where they live and to thwart Russia in every possible way.

From the reports we receive of the Zionist activities we see that the acquisition of Palestine has been neglected entirely, and instead they are establishing trade schools and educational institutions to equip the rising Jewish generation with the proper means of defense against the hatred of their neighbors. But this is contrary to the Russian policy, whose intent it is to weaken the power of the Jews.

The Zionists have also by means of their organs stirred up the world against the Kishineff happenings, and yet we cannot guarantee against a repetition of the same "happenings" unless at least 1,500,000 Jews be taken out of Russia. The Zionists, instead of working toward this end, which would secure them against such calamities, are creating hostile feeling against Russia.

There was no way in Russia for the Jews to deal lawfully with Von Plehwe; no appeal from his decisions, no court where justice could be sought. Hence the bomb, which again emphasizes the saying that Russia is a despotism tempered by assassination.

NO DANGER FROM CONGRESS.

The Garden Island need not worry. If Congress discovers that our courts can't find authority in the Organic Act for the establishment of American county government in Hawaii Congress will not be slow to give Hawaii an amended law that will eliminate doubts.—Bulletin.

Congress, in that case, will listen to the taxpaying and business interests, if they assert themselves; not to the appeals of taxers, grafters and would-be County printing rings. Few things would be better for this community than to have Congress take the matter up.

A fair-minded committee of either House, considering—

- (1) The small number of taxpayers in these islands.
- (2) The present high rate of taxation.
- (3) The impossibility of the people undergoing more taxation without making an enormous delinquent list.
- (4) The predatory instinct which shows itself behind the County enterprise—

Such a committee would, we believe, refuse to amend the Organic Act in the way proposed. The failure of local self-government in Hawaii is so notorious that Congress may be trusted not to give it any wider sphere of mischief.

Paddy Ryan's pie club is not going to do all the work for good government. There is a rumor in the air that Kumalae is thinking about getting up a Civic Righteousness Club to take care of the grand jury martyrs and incidentally crush the grand jury system, the Federal charter to the contrary notwithstanding. Lon Agnew, Jack Weday and others of the gladiatorial fraternity have been mentioned as the heads of a proposed Sabbath Improvement Club, designed to elect only such high-minded men to the Legislature as may "subscribe" to the club's roll and liberalize our New England Sunday. Good men wanting the support of these organizations should make arrangements at once. Drafts, checks or cash will be received but the clubs will not take stamps.

The Government is acting rapidly in the matter of local forts so as to be ready when Congress meets to get an appropriation. Lieut. Slattery says that the land deals must be pushed to a finality within two months. He also states that Honolulu, when the defensive plans are carried out, will be one of the best-fortified places in the world.

The little trip made by Skrydloff's ships to the entrance of the Inland

Sea, seems to have cost them the Korea. It is either that or Captain Seabury's expert seamanship which has saved the big vessel.

OF CURRENT INTERESTS.

NEWSPAPER DISCRETION.

It may be asked, says a writer in the Bookman, What is an illustration of the discretion of a political correspondent? I answer: Several of the correspondents were chatting with President McKinley in his office in the White House early in 1900. Senator Hanna dropped in and the president said: "Mark, you're the very man I want to see. I want to tell you that you mustn't push that subsidy of yours this session. I know it's the pride of your heart, but you mustn't do it. It's not wise. It won't do." The correspondents who were present merely sent to their newspapers that night the information that there was little or no likelihood that Senator Hanna's ship subsidy bill would go through that winter. Again, when President McKinley was berated for not hurrying along the war with Spain, he told the correspondents, "I haven't got enough of that big brown powder on hand as yet. We are pushing the mills as fast as possible." The correspondents gave a number of reasons for the delay in the war preparations, all truthful, but they neglected to give the real reason in their dispatches to their newspapers. That would have been too good reading for Spain, and might have injured our cause.

AN EARL'S ROMANCE.

Quite as romantic as any novel is the true story of how the Earl of Darnley met with his clever and charming wife. He was then the Hon. Ivo Bligh, and while visiting Melbourne with the English cricketers injured his hand at a cricket match. The wound was bound up for him by a lady who was present, who used her own handkerchief for the purpose, and when, later on, Mr. Bligh wanted to thank his good Samaritan and return the handkerchief, he was introduced to Miss Florence Borphy, daughter of a local magistrate, a charming young girl, with whom he fell instantly in love. The sequel reads like a story book, for they were married in 1884. Sixteen years later Mr. Bligh, by the death of his brother, became eighth Earl of Darnley.

HE DID NOT SURVIVE HIS DEATH.

The will of Peter Johnson of Muskegon, filed for probate last week, sets a new pace in thought and phraseology. Mr. Johnson, after signifying the disposition he wishes made of his property, offers the following explanation and further statement: "Why I give all these things is because I want to have care taken of me. If I get well from being sick I will pay the money which I owe and will also pay for my burial."

The filing of the will for probate indicates that the testator did not survive his death, and should not be harshly blamed if he failed to personally settle with the sexton and the undertaker.—Detroit Tribune.

"CHINESE WONDER-CHILD."

Soneng-Pao-Kis is the son of the Chinese ambassador in Paris. His father is justly proud of him, for he is a little fellow of accomplishments and is already talked about more than his distinguished progenitor. He is known as "the Chinese wonderchild." Only 5 years old, he speaks French fluently and has 2,500 Chinese characters at his command. This indicates a memory such as even "geniuses" seldom possess, for each stroke of these characters has a separate significance all its own and is so difficult to acquire that a knowledge of a thousand of these characters is the mark of a highly educated Chinese gentleman.

THEY ELOPED TWICE.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Henz, of Washington, have just been married a second time. In 1894 they eloped and were wedded in Rockville, Md. Six years later they disagreed and separated, a divorce following. Subsequently they saw a good deal of each other, and just before last Christmas became engaged again. The young woman's father did not look with favor on this proceeding, so they eloped again a few days ago, going to Rockville, where they were reunited by the same preacher.

OVER THE TELEPHONE IN MISSOURI.

This conversation took place over the telephone line at Richmond: "Hello!" "Hello!" "Are you 81?" "No, I'm not 60 yet." She hung up the receiver like hitting the box with a rock.—Richmond Missourian.

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Loan on Ass'n Shares.....	21,808.57
Cash on Hand.....	1,621.51
Due from Banks.....	74,467.23
Furniture and Fixtures.....	5,968.05
Insurance and Taxes Advanced.....	508.24
Due Reserve Fund.....	39,448.06
Real Estate.....	15,412.28
	\$1,272,249.13

LIABILITIES.	
Due Stockholders on Account Payments and Dividends....	\$934,229.93
Due on Loans Closed.....	78,249.34
Profits Unappropriated.....	45,231.03
Reserve Fund (Permanent Capital).....	200,000.00
Reserve Fund Surplus.....	3,020.64
Development Fund.....	2,796.85
Tax Fund.....	4,124.41
Due Banks.....	4,552.93
Suspense Account.....	44.00
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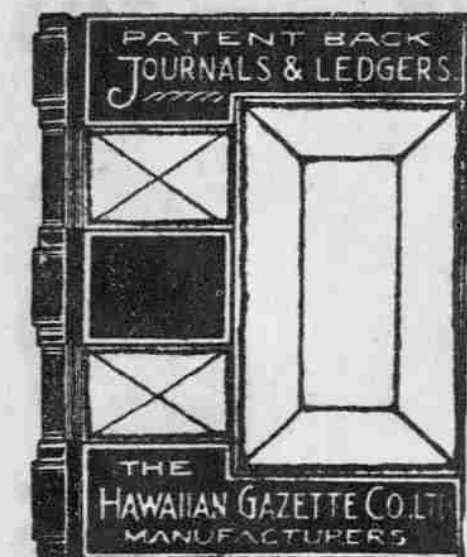
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